Statement II

National Seeds Corporation Ltd.

List of Officials Retired under Voluntary Retirement Scheme Phase-II

Name of the Official	Designation
1. D. Sambasiva Rao	AAE
2. P. Anjaiah	ASO
3. Ch. VDA Banesan	SSK
4. Y. Ch. David	UDC
5. Surinder Kumar	CE
6. V.V. Meenakshy	UDC
7. S. Kumar	UDC
8. P.P. Thorat	JSK
9. E.W. Sheikh	GO
10. Balbir Singh	GO
11. Manju Dass	UDC
12. R.K. Basu	UDC
13. A.L. Das	LDC
14. G.M. Biswas	LDC
15. D.R. Meshram	LDC
16. G. Nagaiah	FA
17. Shiva N.C. Vastard	ASO
18. S.M.M. Ahmed	ASO
19. P. Pavaman	JSK
20. Rano Saini	UDC
21. Bantosh Chopra	UDC

National Oil Grid linking production centres

4412. MISS SAROJ KHAPARDE: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the NDDB propose to create National Oil Grid linking production centres with consumers centres; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI S. KRISHNA KUMAR): (a) Yes, Sir. NDDB has a plan to create National Oil Gird.

(b) The plan envisages linking the major oilseeds producing areas with the demand centres by (i) creation of oil storage capacity at strategic locations; (ii) establishing packaging stations across the country to pack edible oil; (iii) developing economical transport system to more oilseeds and oil from surplus to deficit zones. As part of this plan NDDB has created storage capacity of about 2.7 lakh tonnes and packaging capacity of about 1.8 lakh tonnes per annum. The grid related infrastructure would continue to develop over the years and work is in progress for the creation of additional storage/packaging capacity.

Effective Insecticides

4413 SHRI G. Y. KRISHNAN: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that ALDICARB (Temik) soil and systemic insecticides are highly effective for control of wide range of insects, mites and namatodes and most important for domtstic commercial potato crop and have also got huge demand for quality and diseaseless crop and even helpful for export oriented food processing industries;

(b) whether it is a fact that ALDICARB (Tamik) is not available in the country;

(c) if so, whether Government will allow import under OGL as there is no equivalent substitute for it specifically for potato crop which has been continuously destroyed in lakhs of tonnes every year in several States;

(d) whether Government will direct the Registration Committee to approve

Registration application of ALDICARB without undue delay; and

(e) if so, what are the details thereof and if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI S. KRISHNA KUMAR): (a) Aldicarb is registered under Insecticides Act, 1968 for control of Golden Nematode on potato in Nilgiri Hills only and Rootknot nematode in tobacco.

The demand of Aldicarb as received from various States for three years is given as under:—

S.No.	Year	MT(Teca Grade) Quantity
1.	1991-92	40
2.	1992-93	36
3.	1993-94	40

(b) As per the information available, presently, Aldicarb, is neither being produced indigenously nor imported.

(c) As per the current import policy and insecticide including Aldicarb, which has been registered and is not prohibited for import under Insecticides Act, 1968 can be imported.

(d) and (e) The Registration Committee constituted under Section 5 of the Insecticides Act, registered aldicarb 10 per cent encapsulated granular formulation for indigenous production initially by M/s. Union Carbide India Ltd. Subsequently, the followng two parties have been registered for import of formulated product:

I. M/s. Gujarat Agro-Industries Corporation, Ahmedabad.

II. M/s. Rhone Poulenc Agro-Chemicals India Ltd., Bombay.

Research on disease affecting coconuts

4414. SHRI RAMACHANDRAN PILLAI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether any breakthrough has been made in controlling the Root wilt disease of coconuts in Kerala;

(b) which are the institutes doing research thereon; and

(c) what are the findings of the research?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI S. KRISHNA KUMAR): (a) No, Sir.

(b) The Central Plantation Crops Research Institute of the Indian Council of Agricultural Research is primarily involved in reseach on the disease. The Kerala Agriculture University, Trichur is also doing research to a limited extent on this problem.

(c) The role of Mycoplasma like organisms (MLO's) in causing the coconut root wilt disease in Kerala has been established. A sero-diagnostic test has been developed to detect early stages of infection. A sound management package has been evolved to tackle the disease particularly in the early and middle stages of infection. A strategy for containing the disease by eradcation in mildly affected northern parts of Kerala has also been developed.

Legislations prescribing holding of Agricultural Lands

4415. SHRI PASUMPON THA KIRUTTINAN:

SHRI S. VIDUTHALAI VIRUMBI:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the names of the States of the Indian Union which have not so far pas-